

**A Funeral Service for**  
***Gordon Ross***  
***Parrotte***

***25 April 1948 -***  
***2 March 2022***



**Erimi British Cemetery**  
**11 March 2022**  
**10:00 am**

**Piper** – *as coffin placed in position.*

**Welcome and Introduction**

*Opening prayers are said. This section concludes with the Funeral Collect.*

**The Funeral Collect**

Merciful Father, hear our prayers and comfort us; renew our trust in your Son, whom you raised from the dead; strengthen our faith that all who have died in the love of Christ will share in his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Readings:**

**John 14.1-6: Jesus the Way to the Father**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

**Tribute:**

Homily by Fr Ian

**Prayers**

*For the family and ourselves, followed by the  
Lord's Prayer.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against  
us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*Stand*

### **The Commendation**

Let us commend to the mercy of God, our maker  
and redeemer, Ross, travel on your journey from  
this world  
carried by the Spirit of God who made you and  
loves you.

May the homeward path rise to meet you, and  
may you be welcomed across the threshold and  
received in love's embrace for with you there is  
no more death or sorrow or pain.

So may the whole company of heaven enfold you  
and keep you in peace, this day and always.

**Amen.**

### **The Farewell and Committal**

Blessed be the God and Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
a gentle Father,  
and the God of all consolation,  
who comforts us in our sorrows,  
so that we can offer others, in their sorrows,

the consolation that we ourselves have received from God.

God alone is holy and just and good.  
In that confidence we have commended you,  
Ross,  
to God's judgment and mercy,  
God's forgiveness and love.

*The casket is lowered*

Now therefore, we commit your body  
to the ground,  
earth to earth,  
ashes to ashes,  
dust to dust;  
in the sure and certain hope  
of the resurrection to eternal life  
in Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

**Amen.**

May you who have belonged to us here, rest in  
the eternal belonging; you who have left the  
shadows of this world behind, rise on the wings  
of the morning.

Ross, as we let go of you, now, may you rest in  
peace and rise in glory. Amen.

*Remain standing*

**The Ode**

They shall grow not  
old,  
as we that are left  
grow old;  
age shall not weary  
them,  
nor the years  
condemn.  
At the going down of  
the sun and in the  
morning,



we will remember  
them.

*All affirm*

**We will remember them.**

*The Bugler will sound The Last Post, silence,  
Reveille*

### **The Blessing**

Go forth into the world in peace,  
be strong and of good courage,  
hold fast that which is good.  
Love and serve the Lord with singleness of heart,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit;  
and the peace of the Lord  
be always with you.

**Amen.**

*This funeral has been conducted by Fr Ian Nicholson  
from St Barnabas Anglican Church in Limassol.  
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